

TIPP CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

JUNE 15, 2009

Study Session

City Manager Jon Crusey opened the Study Session at 6:30 p.m. on this date.

Roll Call

Council Members in attendance included: William D. Beagle, George H. Lovett, President Patrick A. Hale, John E. Kessler, Dolores Gillis, Mayor Evans, and Vickie Blakey. Others in attendance included: Assistant City Manager Bradley Vath, Assistant Utilities Director Christy Butera, Finance Director Richard Drennen, Utility Billing Supervisor Stacie Brown, City Intern Matt Conover, *Dayton Daily News* Reporter Nancy Bowman, and Clerk of Council Cathy Ross.

Guests signing the register: Mike McFarland and Uptown Services/Hometown Connections Representative Neil Shaw

Discussion – Hometown Connections

Assistant Utilities Director Christy Butera introduced Neil Shaw who reviewed a Powerpoint presentation with Council regarding the Uptown Services feasibility analysis of AMR/AMI for the City of Tipp City. Mr. Shaw stated that Uptown recommends an integrated approach; replacement of meters within the next 5-6 years, and AMI deployment which will keep the City from having to enter homes twice. Mr. Lovett asked if the meters in place now are accurate. Both Mr. Shaw and Mrs. Butera confirmed that the meters are old and inaccurate readings are a common occurrence. Mrs. Blakey questioned whether one type of system was more secure than another. Mr. Shaw answered that part of the search for the best system would include cyber security. Mr. Crusey stated that the existing water and electric meters need to be replaced due to their age. If meters are going to be replaced they should be done so with smart meters. Otherwise, the new meters may have to be changed out after a few years due to pending and future climate change legislation that could require us to implement billing and usage practices that would require the implementation of smart meters. Mr. Vath was also just made aware of some stimulus funding available, but that a RFP would have to be issued by Friday, June 19th. Mrs. Butera stated that meters need to be replaced and added that, in the future, scheduled replacement will occur rather than all meters needing to be replaced at the same time.

Mr. Crusey stated that staff will be preparing a RFP to replace meters and fully implement AMR/AMI and noted that he will keep Council abreast of funding updates.

Adjournment

The study session concluded at 7:30 p.m.

Patrick A. Hale, President of Council

Attest: _____
Cathy Ross, Clerk of Council

TIPP CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

JUNE 15, 2009

Roll Call

President Patrick A. Hale called to order the regular meeting of the Tipp City Council at 7:31 p.m. Roll call showed the following Councilmembers present: William D. Beagle, George H. Lovett, President Patrick A. Hale, Dolores Gillis, Vickie Blakey, Mayor Tim Evans, and John E. Kessler.

Others in attendance: City Manager Jon Crusey, Law Director Joseph P. Moore, Assistant City Manager Bradley Vath, Fire Chief Steve Kessler, Assistant Utilities Director Christy Butera, Police Chief Tom Davidson, Finance Director Richard Drennen, Utility Billing Supervisor Stacie Brown, *Dayton Daily News* reporter Nancy Bowman, *Sunday Record Herald* reporter Joyell Nevins, and Clerk of Council Cathy Ross.

Guests signing the register included: Mike McFarland, Hunter Turner, Nyles Turner, Ian Turner, Callyn Ratcliff, Deven Ratcliff, David Long, Steven Chaney, Brad Klepacz, Katie Black, Chris Bruening, Bob Steggemann, Joe Bagi.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Brad Klepacz from the Charity Baptist Church delivered the invocation and President Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

President Hale made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Kessler and unanimously approved.

Adoption of Minutes

Mr. Lovett moved, seconded by Mrs. Gillis, to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2009 meeting.

Mrs. Gillis moved, seconded by Mr. Beagle, to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2009 post-meeting Study Session. The motion carried 7-0.

Presentations, Proclamations, and Awards

The Finance Department was recognized for receiving the State of Ohio Auditor's Making Your Tax Dollars Count Award.

Ordinance (Second Reading)

There were none.

Resolutions (One Reading Required) Resolution 28-09 Alternative Tax Budget

The following resolutions were presented to City Council for adoption.

A resolution adopting the alternative tax budget.

Clerk of Council Summary: This resolution completes the City of Tipp City 2010 Miami County Budget process under the "alternate" tax budget process.

City Manager Report - The adoption of this resolution authorizes the Finance Director to submit an "alternate tax document" to the Miami County Budget Commission, pursuant to Resolution 20-09 adopted by Council at your May 4th meeting. The purpose of the alternate tax document is to: request

the City's share of the General Property tax of 1.4mills; determine the City's share of the Local Government Fund; and file an estimate of 2010 receipts.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Evans sponsored this resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Mr. Lovett. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote. Resolution 28-09 was declared passed and President Hale affixed his signature in witness thereto.

Ordinance First Reading
Transfer of Vehicles

President Hale sponsored an ordinance directing the City Manager to transfer two city vehicles to the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy.

Clerk of Council Summary: Two obsolete police cruisers will be transferred to the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy in exchange for training for Tipp City Police Officers.

City Manager's Report: The adoption this ordinance would authorize the City Manager to transfer two obsolete police cruisers to the Ohio Police Officers Training Academy in exchange for a \$2,500 credit to be used toward future departmental training costs. The vehicles in question are a 1999 Ford Crown Victoria with 99,649 miles and a 2005 Ford Crown Victoria with 125,984 miles.

Charter Amendments

Mayor Evans sponsored an ordinance requiring the submission of certain proposed charter amendments to the Board of Elections.

Clerk of Council Summary: The Charter Review Commission reviewed the Tipp City Charter in 2008 and recommended that three changes be made.

City Manager Report: The adoption of this ordinance would direct the Clerk of Council to forward the proposed charter amendments to the Miami County Board of Elections to be placed on the November 3 ballot. These proposed amended charter measures were recommended by the Charter Review Commission last May. The Secretary of State's office disallowed the placement of the charter amendments on last November's ballot because a motion rather than an ordinance was utilized to authorize placement of the charter amendments on the ballot.

Waste Management
Contract

Mrs. Gillis sponsored an ordinance renewing the term of a certain contract between the City and Waste Management, Inc.

Clerk of Council Summary: This legislation authorizes a one-year contract renewal to Waste Management of Ohio for the City Refuse Collection programs.

City Manager Report: The adoption of this ordinance authorizes the City Manager to extend the Contract for Refuse and Recycling with Waste Management for an additional period of one year. The original three-year contract with Waste Management expires September 30, 2009. The contract specifies that the contractor and Municipality may extend the contract for up to three (3) one (1) year extensions, upon written mutually agreeable terms. The proposed renewal rates include an Ohio EPA fee of \$1.25 per ton, which is anticipated to go into effect August 1. With the OEPA fee included in the rate, the average refuse customer will realize a rate increase of a little more than

Citizen Comments

three percent. Without the new OEPA fee, the average increase is around 2.5%.

There were none.

**Councilmember
Comments**

Mr. Lovett stated that he will be in Washington, DC from July 20-22 attending the Policy Makers Council of American Public Power. He will also meet with Congressman John Boehner's energy aid and Chief of Staff to discuss climate change legislation and how it affects our electric rates and infrastructure. He will report back in August.

Mrs. Gillis congratulated the City and the Finance Department for the award and reported that the first Farmer's Market was a success.

Mr. Beagle congratulated the Finance Department for their award.

Mr. Kessler reported that Voss Honda gave 450 bike helmets away to kids and over 200 books to Safety City. He recognized the Boy Scouts attending Council meeting earning their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.

President Hale attended Miami County Council meeting and reported that the speaker was Barb Temple who reported on the upgrade in 911 system for all of Miami County. \$6.3M in upgrades will be added to computer aided dispatch and radio system to allow for a 5 site simulcast and will probably be funded with sales tax increase in the County. The rest of Miami County has agreed to have Thursday, October 29th as Beggar's Night for 2009.

City Manager Comments

City Manager Crusey reported that the Ohio Supreme Court upheld a 2006 law that bars political subdivisions from requiring its employees to live within the City. We have to follow the ORC which allows you to require employees to live in the County or any adjacent County. An ordinance will be on the July agenda to adopt this requirement. It is already in effect in the AFSCME and FOP contracts. Mr. Crusey also stated that as part of the 2009 budget discussions we decided to discontinue funding to Miami County Transportation in the amount of \$5,000. We received a letter in response from Commissioner O'Brien requested that we reconsider in June. Based on how our revenues are going thus far, Mr. Crusey recommends that we not fund our local share in 2009. Council concurred with Mr. Crusey's recommendation.

**Rescheduling July 20
Meeting**

Mrs. Blakey asked about the possibility of rescheduling the July meeting due to the absence of 3 council members. On a motion by President Hale, seconded by Mrs. Blakey, and unanimously approved, the meeting scheduled for July 20, 2009 was rescheduled to July 13, 2009.

Executive Session

President Hale made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Blakey, and unanimously approved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of property and personnel to include City Manager Crusey, Assistant City Manager Vath, Assistant Utilities Director Butera, Law Director Moore, and City Council.

Adjournment

Mrs. Blakey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Gillis and unanimously approved.

Patrick A. Hale, President of Council

Attest: _____
Cathy Ross, Clerk of Council